



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Graniteville / Vaucluse, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contracts through September 23, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contracts, 15-6343-NRP, 15-6344-NRP, 15-6345-NRP, 15-5718-NRP-1, and 15-5718-NRP-2, will affect approximately 67.4 acres located in Graniteville and Vaucluse, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Aiken County Tax Map Serial Numbers 068-14-13-001, 069-06-40-001, 069-06-04-003, 068-18-28-001, 069-06-05-001, 067-00-17-001, 067-00-37-001, 068-18-03-003, 068-17-36-001, 068-18-29-001, 068-18-02-001, 068-18-19-003, 068-14-07-001, 068-18-19-004, and a portion of 068-18-01-001. Companies known as Horse Creek Water Works, LLC (HCWW) and Water Property Holdings, LLC (WPH) want to acquire the property from the current owners. These Voluntary Cleanup Contracts will be between DHEC, HCWW and WPH.

The property consists of former textile mills, an auto service station, and vacant lands. The past use of the property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. HCWW and WPH intend to develop the property for commercial and mixed use. If these Voluntary Cleanup Contracts are implemented, DHEC will allow HCWW and WPH to acquire the property as "Brownfields Sites" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property.

DHEC will not hold HCWW and WPH responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, HCWW and WPH will test soil, groundwater, sediments, and surface water on the property. If significant contamination is found, HCWW and WPH will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. HCWW and WPH did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, HCWW and WPH will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/> . Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contracts through September 23, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, by e-mail at stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0927, or Alex Fulmer at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Jerry Stamps at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.